The Department of Spatial Economics recently signed a cooperation agreement with the Faculty of Economics and Business at the Universitas Indonesia in Jakarta. The long term goal of the collaboration is to develop joint teaching activities and to conduct joint research in the field of transport, urban and environmental economics.

To this end, the Department of Spatial Economics invests as part of this agreement in strengthening education in these fields for Indonesian students and junior academic staff. We do this, amongst others, by teaching each year in Jakarta a 2-week intensive course in transport, urban and environmental economics. Between January 29 and February 9, 2018, the course was given for the first time to 24 Indonesian participants by Erik Verhoef, Gerard van der Meijden, Peter Mulder and Henri de Groot.

It was a great success, thanks to the highly motivated and very good students, excellent logistics provided by Universitas Indonesia and the awareness among both teachers and students that transport, environmental and urban economics are of great importance for Indonesia in general and Jakarta in particular.

Clearly, the course contributes to gaining awareness and understanding of the kind of teaching and research that we do in Amsterdam, and as such helps to improve the matching process for potential candidates for our master and PhD programs. Our experiences were a great source of inspiration and we very much look forward to deepen and expand this collaboration.

More info: Peter Mulder, p.mulder@vu.nl